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AHS hoops player suspended after alleged assault

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

While spending a lot of time pondering Arlington High School's reaction to the report that one of its basketball players allegedly stomped on the head of an opposing team member, sending him to the hospital with a concussion, the Athletic Department and school as a whole will treat the incident, and the alleged perpetrator, on their own.

Medford police have issued a summons against Noah Winkler, 17, who allegedly stomped on his sneaker into 17-year-old Medford basketball player Kyle McElearney's face. The incident took place with about three minutes left of a hotly contested game between the varsity teams of the Arlington Spy Ponders and Medford Mustangs Tuesday, Jan. 30.

A clerk-magistrate from Somerville District Court will

decide in March if Winkler will be charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, said Athletic Director Rob DiLoreto.

Winkler, according to DiLoreto, "has been suspended from school for five days and he has been suspended from the team for the remainder of the season."

DiLoreto reported that the suspension concluded yesterday. The student did attend school the day after the alleged assault while the school administration decided what punishment to hand out.

Winkler, a 17 year-old junior and honor student, was a substitute on the boys' basketball team, while McElearney is a star player for the Mustangs.

Medford Police Officer David Ciampi, who was working detail in the high school gym during the game, said he did not see the incident take place. Ciampi reported after the incident he overheard [McElearney] com-



During its Tuesday night loss to Revere, the Arlington High School varsity basketball team huddles around coach Michael Broderick. Junior Noah Winkler, 17, has been suspended from the team for the rest of the year and from school for five days after allegedly stomping his sneaker into a Medford player's face last week.

plain about his eye. yelling and standing around," said Lt. Michael DiChiara. "The game and several people were

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Town explores getting into medical field

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Selectman, mostly member Charles Lyons, proposed that the town establish and manage a health-care facility for both residents and citizens at the site of the former Symmes Hospital, now owned by the Burlington-based Lahey Clinic and the Birmingham, Ala.-based HealthSouth.

One thing Lyons and Director of Planning and Community Development Alan McClennen both touted as a potential positive is the economics of running a hospital, which could reduce the town's liability for health insurance premiums, which jumped nearly 20 percent this year.

But McClennen cautioned, "I would call this a potpourri article that includes everything that might happen. I would not personally attach any weight to any

of the things in that article. It's my understanding that we're trying to get this subject as quickly as possible to Town Meeting."

Mostly, though, the town is still talking with Lahey about purchasing the land.

"It's a long way between, 'hey would you like to sell' and 'hey would you like to buy' and actually getting there," McClennen said. "It's clear, though, that chief elected officials would like to own the property."

Along with attempting to purchase the parcel, the town said in the article that it will put together a development plan for the facility, which may include the hospital provision.

What Lyons hopes to do through this warrant article is create an independent authority to develop or manage the property or place it under the control of the Redevelopment Board.

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Development talk nothing new for Mugar property

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

This is the first in a series of articles about the history of proposed development on the Mugar parcel.

Half a century ago, it all seemed like it would happen in no time.

It was 50 years ago that the Mugar property was first targeted for development. Its first incarnation, a "Park and Shop" one-stop shopping center, was a relatively new concept. This type of development, so common now as people live and shop further and further from a major city, was a big deal then, enough that the name "Park and Shop" has stuck ever since when people refer to the development.

In January of 1951, The Advocate revealed for the first time that a group of investors, headed at that time by Nathaniel Hamlen of Wayland, had purchased a portion of a parcel of land owned by Thomas Lee. Elsie Fiore had recently moved to the neighborhood in 1949.

"Lee sold dirt off the property, all you'd find there was rocks and sand," said Fiore.

At that time, the group of investors had filed a petition with the town's Planning Board to re-zone the parcel of land from a residential district to "Business A." "Business A" zoning could not be used as "a factory, drive-in theater, dance hall or similar business"; it was designed specifically for retail development.

The proposed shopping center was compared to the recently-opened Chestnut Hill Shopping Area, though smaller in scale.

According to the proponents, the Arlington development would have included:

- a department store (like a Filene's) of 80,000 square feet, 40,000 feet on two floors.
- a "big" supermarket, expected to be a Star Market.
- two other large stores, such as "Sears or Firestone."
- Several smaller businesses which may have included a restaurant, bakery, and bank branch.

Francis Keefe, then a prominent Arlington attorney, was

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ICY RECEPTION



Monday's snowstorm could not have come at a worse time. Heavy snow/ice fell during evening rush hour and blanketed the area with at least six inches. It also served as a problem for those using public transportation, including Blanca Cabrera, who runs for her bus in Arlington Center.

STAFF PHOTO BY LISA CASSIDY

Building moratorium proposed by activist

Builders not pleased with idea

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

A warrant article to restrict building in Arlington has stirred the ire of town officials and the proponent is confused over why officials are upset.

Elsie Fiore has drafted a warrant article to issue a "building moratorium," in Arlington. Mostly an attempt to stifle the latest try at developing the Mugar property, it is also meant to shift the tide away from the flow of "mansionization" she says is affecting the town.

But Town Counsel John Maher warned that the scope of Fiore's warrant article could affect everything from porch additions on single-family homes to renovated schools that don't have a building permit.

"There are very serious issues with this article that may have been unintended," Maher said.

Fiore agrees, and said: OK, fix them.

But she added that Maher isn't intending to, which makes her

wonder.

Last year, Fiore said, she submitted an article for the town to buy the Mugar property, and officials changed it to reflect that Town Meeting members support the purchase of the Mugar parcel, instead of just buying the parcel.

"They said they didn't have a dime to buy it," she said. "Now this year they have a warrant article to take Symmes Hospital, yet they're running a deficit."

Preliminary budget numbers for 2002 have revealed a \$3.2 million fiscal pothole so far.

In all, she doesn't feel the town's concern is sincere. "It's an effort to discredit us," said Fiore.

Maher said before that comment was made, "I hope that people know me well enough to know I don't form an opinion on this article. And that I pride myself on not taking positions on articles."

The development community is not pleased with the idea. Joe Delano, first vice president of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry — Eastern

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New Alliance for Animals location is the cat's meow

BY LES G. MASTERSON
STAFF WRITER

Sushi likes to have his head petted and will purr when he sees a friendly face. Thelionious is shy and likes to sit in the corner. Dodger is a real ham and enjoys having his picture taken.

Those are just three of the cats available at the Alliance for Animals shelter on Massachusetts Avenue. The shelter, which finds homes for 300 to 350 cats per year, will be holding an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at its new location, 1241 Massachusetts Ave.

Sunday's event will be an opportunity for Arlingtonians to see the new shelter and talk to volunteers. Though no cats will be available for adoption Sunday, cat lovers will be able to set up appointments for a future visit to pick up their new family member. The open house is also a fund-raiser for AFA with donations accepted.

Animal Tales



LES MASTERSON

Alliance for Animals moved its cat shelter from Arlington Center to its new spot at the Foot of the Rocks in December. The reason for the move was simple: the Center shelter was on the third floor, which meant volunteers had to carry 50-pound bags of kitty litter and cases of cat food up three flights of stairs. Shelter Manager Joyce Barringer also had knee surgery last year, which means navigating those stairs would be difficult.

"We wanted to be on the first floor for easier accessibility," said Barringer. "There are not many places interested in having a shelter. We were real lucky."

In the new three-room shelter, there is enough room for 25 cats, though there are only a dozen now. AFA has mostly new collapsible cages that are kitty condos. Each feline has its own space, though they spend time out of their pads stretching their legs,

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Alliance for Animals Shelter Manager Joyce Barringer pets Dodger, one of the cats available for adoption. The shelter will hold an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at its new location, 1241 Massachusetts Avenue.

STAFF PHOTO BY LISA CASSIDY

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FOR THE RECORD

POLICE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Arlington Police Department log. The information is open to the public.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

• At 10:04 a.m., an Arlington resident told police that her pocketbook was taken on Concord Turnpike.

• At 1:49 p.m., police responded to a call of a Germaine Lawrence School resident who was trying to harm the staff.

• At 3:17 p.m., a Massachusetts Avenue resident told police that someone broke a cellar window and ripped out a screen on a home.

• At 7:47 p.m., an Arlington resident told police that an unknown person used her ATM card.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

• At 4:51 p.m., a Mt. Vernon Street man told police that someone stole a scanner from his front porch. The item was left by a delivery company.

Thursday, Feb. 1

• At 2:32 p.m., police responded to Maple Street for a past assault and battery. A student at the Community Intervention Program attempted to kick and punch staff, injuring one of the staff members.

• At 4:26 p.m., an Arlington resident reported that someone took

her ATM card and withdrew \$70 from her account. After the withdrawal, the person returned the ATM to the woman's wallet.

Friday, Feb. 2

• At 11:34 a.m., a Churchill Avenue called police to report a stolen pocketbook. The item was eventually found at her home under a coat.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

• At 1:45 a.m., police arrested Francesco Caci, 45, 15 Revere St., and charged him with violating a restraining order. Officer Bryan Gallagher made the arrest.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

• At 9:30 p.m., police arrested Bridgette Kaye Shelley, 31, 141 Madison Ave., and charged her on two default warrants for driving with a suspended license and shoplifting. Officer Douglas Cronin made the arrest.

Friday, Feb. 2

• At 9:50 a.m., police arrested a 15-year-old Arlington girl and charged her with being a disorderly person. Officer Douglas Brown made the arrest.

• At 10:30 p.m., police arrested Taeyong Kim, 39, 75 St. Alphonsus St., Boston, and charged him with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Police responded to a call of a fight between employees in a Massachusetts Avenue

Arrests

eatery's kitchen. When police arrived, they found the victim bleeding from his head. The victim said he was cleaning the kitchen when he bumped into Kim. The suspect, in turn, reportedly picked up a cutting board and hit the victim in the face, cutting his nose. Officer Brendan Kiernan made the arrest.

Sunday, Feb. 4

• At 8:30 p.m., police arrested Mario P. Cabral, 43, 86 Lafayette St., Milton, and charged him with operating a motor vehicle after the suspension of his license. Officer Douglas Cronin saw Cabral driving a vehicle on Mystic Street. The officer checked the registration and found that Cabral had a suspended license. Cronin arrested Cabral.

Monday, Feb. 5

• At 7:30 a.m., police arrested Charlene M. Richards, 40, 8 Mason St., Salem, and charged her on a default warrant for narcotics and motor vehicle violations. Officer Stephen Krepelka made the arrest.

• At 5:57 p.m., police responded to a call at Gray Street and Highland Avenue for a man who told a woman "smile or I'll kill you."

• At 7:42 p.m., police were called to Massachusetts Avenue for a juvenile, who broke an MBTA bus window with a snowball.

Sunday, Feb. 4

• At 12:20 p.m., a Maynard

Street resident told police that his long distance service, which he canceled, was restored. The company told the resident that someone had called to restore the service.

• At 3:30 p.m., an Arlington resident reported to police of a parking space issue with a neighbor's boyfriend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Spy Pond Park Friends meeting

The Friends of Spy Pond Park will meet on Sunday Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at 125 Brooks Street (near the intersection of Lake Street and the Donald R. Marquis Minuteman Trail) about park renovations, goose control, and community education of Spy Pond's problems. There will be a potluck dinner before the meeting at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

For more information, please call 648-0630.

Big Dig talk

Jennifer McGregor, civil engineer, will present a lecture and slide show called "The Big Dig: A Technical Marvel" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 630 Massachusetts

Ave. She worked on the project for two-and-a-half years.

Refreshments from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Alliance, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 630 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington.

Admission Free; Wheelchair accessible. For more information, call (781) 648-3799.

Garden Club meeting

The Arlington Garden Club will hold a special meeting at the St. John's Parish Hall, Pleasant Street, on Feb. 14. Coffee and refreshments will be served at noon.

After the social hour, a demonstration and lecture will be given by Betsy Williams, who is an authority on herbs and dried flowers, as well as the author of several

books. Williams studied in the United States and England lectures extensively at home and abroad.

"Fussie Mussies" is the title of William's talk, at which time she will explain and demonstrate to members and guests how "Fussie Mussies" are made.

This will be an "hands-on" lecture. It is important that members remain for the business meeting after the lecture. Plans for the future will be discussed and a discussion of the fund-raiser during the meeting.

Library performance

Tanglewood Marionettes will perform "Sleeping Beauty" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 in the Robbins Library for children aged 3 to 8. The Tanglewood Marionettes are a well-known regional marionette troupe that use

classical music and gorgeous sets to present spectacular performances.

Tickets for this puppet show are free and will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning an hour before the performance. This program is sponsored by the Robbins Library's Russell Fund.

For more information, call (781) 316-3234.

Chorus at church

The Concord Chorus, F. John Adams director, will perform J.S. Bach-Cantata #4, Christ lag in Todesbanden, and M. Durufle-Requiem on Saturday, March 3 at 8 p.m. in St. Camillus Church, 1175 Concord Turnpike.

Tickets, \$15; child and seniors, \$12.

For tickets and information, call (781) 862-7186.

FIRE LOG

The Arlington Fire Department responded to 76 calls from Jan. 29-Feb. 4, including 45 with Rescue, five fire alarms, and eight investigations. References to paramedics denote two-medical teams from Arlington Ambulance Service, a private Arlington-based ambulance company.

Monday, Jan. 29

• At 4:48 p.m., the Fire Department received a call for an oil burner problem on Smith Street. When firefighters arrived, they found smoke in the cellar and an oil burner in need of service. Firefighters turned off the burner and told the resident to have the unit serviced.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

• At 10:04 p.m., a College Avenue resident reported a strong odor of gas in the basement. Firefighters shut down the burner and ventilated the home.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

• At 2:02 p.m., firefighters responded to a call for a 74-year-old woman complaining of hip pain after a fall on Massachusetts Avenue. Rescue transported the

woman to Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Thursday, Feb. 1

• At 4:29 p.m., an 86-year-old Thorndike Street resident complained of having difficulty breathing. Firefighters checked the woman's vital signs and gave her oxygen. Rescue transported her to Lahey Clinic with paramedics.

Sunday, Feb. 4

• At 12:18 a.m., a 43-year-old Inverness Road resident suffered diabetic shock. Rescue transported the woman to Winchester Hospital with paramedics.

• At 3:20 p.m., firefighters responded to a call of an 89-year-old woman with a fractured right wrist on Massachusetts Avenue. Rescue 1 and Engine 2 checked the woman's vital signs and placed a splint on her wrist. Rescue transported her to Lahey Clinic.

• At 4:39 p.m., a 73-year-old Wyman Street resident complained of chest pain. Firefighters checked her vital signs and Rescue transported her to Lahey Clinic with paramedics.

MEETINGS

Monday, Feb. 12

• Board of Selectmen meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall, Selectmen's Hearing Room, second floor. At the meeting, the selectmen will open the warrant for two special Town Meetings to take place April 9 and May 2. The warrant will remain open until Feb. 16.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

• School Committee's Policies & Procedures Subcommittee meets at 6:30 in the School Committee Meeting Room, sixth floor, Arlington High School.

• School Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the School Committee Meeting Room, sixth floor, Arlington High School.

Vision 2020 Standing Committee

meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, second floor conference room.

• Park and Recreation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Whittemore-Robbins House.

• Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7:45 p.m. in the Community Safety Building, second floor.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

• Finance Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Safety Building, second floor.

Thursday, Feb. 15

• Conservation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, DPW Conference Room, second floor.

Democrats holding meeting

The monthly meeting of the Arlington Democratic Town Committee will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Safety Building.

One agenda item will be Campaign Finance Reform. All interested Democrats are welcome to attend. The building is handicapped accessible.

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Affirmative action focus of community dialogue

On Feb. 28, the Arlington Human Rights Commission will present a community dialogue on "The Role of Affirmative Action in Arlington."

The evening's featured speaker will be David Hall, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at Northeastern University. David Hall will be joined by a panel of Arlington officials and/or residents including John Dunlap, affirmative action officer, Gus Martinson, the school department's human resources officer, Richard Maimone, director of fire services, Adrienne McClure, member of the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and Fred Ryan, director of police services.

The keynote speaker, David Hall, was appointed provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at Northeastern University in July of 1998 after having served as dean of Northeastern's Law School since 1993. During his tenure as Law School dean, David Hall established Northeastern's Urban Law and Public Policy Institute, an applied research center and information clearinghouse.

Working to bridge the often-alienated worlds of law and the inner city, the institute brings together community activists, government representatives and academicians to develop solutions to seemingly intractable urban dilemmas. With a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Urban Community Service Program, the institute is currently working with local community groups on inner city revitalization and violence prevention programs.

David Hall's publications include works on civil rights, the constitution and race and social justice. He writes and lectures

nationally on matters of social justice, equality, ethics and social values. In 1999, he received the National Conference of Community and Justice Humanitarian Award.

Following David Hall's keynote address, each of the panelists will briefly speak about the status of affirmative action in their areas. Following this, the audience will be invited to join in an interactive discussion with the panel.

The event will take place at Robbins Memorial Library Community Room, 700 Massachusetts Ave. from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and refreshments will be served. The public is invited to this free event which is sponsored by the Arlington Human Rights Commission.

"The Role of Affirmative Action in Arlington" is the seventh in the Arlington Human Rights Commission's series of Arlington Dialogues. The Commission was established by Town Meeting in 1993 to serve as a mechanism for addressing issues of unlawful discrimination.

In addition to addressing complaints, the commission also works to advance issues related to the fair and equal treatment of all individuals by working with town government, the school department, law enforcement, and other town boards and commissions. Through its programs and co-sponsorships, the commission attempts to improve the life of the town by enlisting community-based groups in educational programs to increase mutual respect and the peaceful enjoyment of life in our community.

Questions about the event may be directed to Marlissa Briggert at (781) 641-3754 or Sue McHugh at (781) 641-2307.

Negotiations continue between Provenzano, town

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

Hoping the two sides can hammer out a deal, the Contributory Retirement Board last week elected to withhold their decision on the fate of Officer Gary Provenzano.

That board was scheduled to render a decision Wednesday, Jan. 31 on whether Provenzano's case would be referred to a regional retirement board. Provenzano, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, is appealing a move for involuntary retirement from the Police Department.

Retirement Board member Joe Roselli said, "Basically we just tabled the action until we see

what course the Board of Selectmen take. There's an inference that the attorneys are going to meet and reach a feasible solution for everybody."

"I've made a request to his attorney for clarification of a suggestion by Mr. Provenzano that he did not receive the town's offer in a timely fashion," said Maher. "I'm waiting to receive that inquiry."

Asked if a settlement hinged upon that fact, Maher said, "I think that that is a key matter that needs to be cleared up."

Provenzano, speaking at Open Forum during the Board of Selectmen's meeting Jan. 29, said he did not receive the town's final offer until the Jan. 9, after

the town's deadline to take it or leave it. He said that if he had seen the settlement proposal, he would have signed it.

Maier revealed that the settlement included the following:

- The town would withdraw the request of involuntary retirement for Provenzano that Director of Police Services Fred Ryan had brought forward.

- Provenzano would handle the issuance of gun and hackney carriage licenses and other administrative duties. He would work on the second floor of the community safety building in order to minimize the risk to his safety.

- He would not carry a gun or wear a uniform.

- Provenzano would work from noon to 8 p.m., a shift created by Ryan as a compromise. From noon to 4 p.m., the officer would get his standard rate of pay, while from 4 to 8 p.m. he would receive a higher paying night differential.

- Provenzano would submit to periodic medical exams to ensure he could function at a minimal level.

- He would be permitted to stay on the police force and retire at maximum pay at the age of 55 to obtain his pension.

- He would dismiss the pending lawsuit against the town and the complaint he filed with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

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Ways to prevent heart disease

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Long-time Big Sister helps needy child become adult

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

If the Big Sister Association starts a big grandmother-little grandchild program, count Betty Coyne in as a charter member.

Though it's unconfirmed, Coyne may be the longest-serving big sister in Massachusetts. Long enough that visits to her little sister Valerie Oakham, who now lives in Dedham, include romping around with Oakham's daughter, Samantha.

Coyne began serving as a Big Sister more than 30 years ago when Oakham was growing up in Somerville. Coyne was just a few years out of college and 27.

"I decided that I was not going to have children, and I had considered adopting a child," and volunteering as a Big Sister was a way to provide herself with a "test-drive" for parenting, she said.

"At the time I didn't know it would be 30 years," Coyne said. She didn't end up giving birth to or adopting any children.

Oakham and Coyne first met when the former was six years old.

"She was very shy, but she was doing somersaults on the sofa and smiling," Coyne smiles herself as she remembers.

And so it began. Coyne had set some parameters for herself that she followed to the letter. She also had expectations that she threw out the window.

"The one thing I learned was that you cannot control other peo-



In this 1997 photo, Valerie Oakham, who was Betty Coyne's "little sister," poses for a photo with her daughter, Samantha. Coyne is one of the longest-serving Big Sisters.

ple's lives," she said. It would have been easy for her, college educated, to impart a kind of gentle direction to her little sister's life, to help guide her and maybe offer advice to her parents, even help them out with donations, but she learned quickly that wasn't her role.

"One time I assumed that her mother (Marcia) would like to have some clothes that I had. It wasn't a good assumption," Coyne said. "She was a very proud woman, who worked two full-time jobs to support her family. She did that at a time when it would have been more lucrative to utilize the welfare system, but she chose not

to. I have great respect for her mother."

But she made sure that they tried to do as many educational activities as simple fun-filled stuff. And Coyne was very, very watchful of what she gave her protégé.

"Sometimes Valerie would say, 'you have a nicer house than mine,' and I would look at her and say 'you have a beautiful home,'" Coyne said. Her goal, she reiterated throughout her conversation, was to convince her little sister that her world had value, and — though her things weren't as nice — she still had a loving and supportive family.

One of the best memories she has of her relationship during those years was embarking on a cross-country trip with a seven-year-old Valerie.

"It was really impressive that her mother would trust me that much to take her. It was just a wonderful trip." She remembered seeing the Grand Canyon as the best memory of all of it.

The relationship, as the years continued, would change, but also stay the same. Coyne might change the time she saw Valerie, but she never, ever failed to show up. And even as Oakham approached adolescence, years where having another adult in your life beyond your parents might be akin to torture for a teenage girl, Coyne said Oakham wanted her around.

"It was really important to maintain that consistency,"

Coyne said. "I would have never wanted to break that."

None of that could prepare Coyne for what happened later, when Oakham told her she was quitting school and getting married. Oakham was pregnant at 15. Education was the one point that this big sister had never relented — that Valerie should always get her diploma.

But even here, though Coyne was awfully upset, she knew it wouldn't do any good to get angry or depressed. So she turned it around into a positive experience — on her own she catered Oakham's wedding reception with two weeks' notice.

"She needed to be supported. There was no point in telling her it was wrong. We needed to make this beautiful and celebrate."

It appears Coyne did the right thing.

"She reinstated (into general equivalency diploma classes)," she said, "She studied, and a few years later she gave me a Christmas present — she had finished her G.E.D." She later obtained her associate's degree from Massasoit Community College as well.

Oakham works full-time and the three visit occasionally. But they still don't break appointments.

"The program has taught me so much," she said. "I hope reading about it convinces more people to do it. There is more satisfaction and fulfillment than you could ever imagine."



STAFF PHOTO BY KEN MCGAGH

Boston Herald Publisher Patrick J. Purcell, right, shakes hands with Kirk Davis, Community Newspaper Co. president and publisher, after announcing the completion of the Herald's purchase of CNC during a press conference at CNC headquarters in Needham last week.

Community focus to continue

BY COLLEEN BRUSH
BUSINESS WRITER

The Boston Herald's purchase of Community Newspaper Co. makes it a "potent competitor" in the battle for suburban readers and advertisers, Herald Publisher Patrick Purcell said last week after formalizing the deal to purchase the newspaper group.

With the addition of CNC's 87 weeklies, four dailies including the MetroWest Daily News, 14 shoppers and numerous specialty publications, Purcell achieves his long-time goal of pushing his newspaper company, Herald Media Inc., into the suburbs to grab sought-after advertisers and readers.

The combined circulation of the Herald and all CNC papers reaches more than 2 million, a point that motivated Purcell to pursue the buyout, he said. "When I came to the Boston Herald as publisher in 1994, I wanted to make sure we could make the Herald as strong and viable a competitor as it could be. With this acquisition, we become a much more potent competitor," Purcell said at a press conference at CNC headquarters.

The deal took six months to finalize, longer than expected. Its complexity pushed back the original Nov. 1 closing date until last Thursday, according to company officials. The price of the deal has not been released. The goal now, Purcell said, is to create newspapers that appeal to readers and advertisers in both the city and the suburbs. "The philosophy at the Herald has always been local. The idea is we are going to focus our energy on as much local news as we can provide," Purcell said.

The immediate priority is to grow ad revenue, Purcell said, which will translate into more money for local news coverage. "Hopefully, as soon as we get through consolidation, we hope to reinforce and build our editorial side," Purcell said.

The Herald has no immediate plans to buy any other newspapers, and no layoffs are anticipated, Purcell said. But, eventually, some weeklies that overlap daily territory could be shut down.

"I want to build relationships between the readers and the papers. People tend to feel like they own the papers. I like that level of involvement," Convey said.

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The Ipswich Cooperative Bank has set up the Mark Collum Emergency Fire Fund. The mailing address is 2 Depot Square, P.O. Box 32, Ipswich. For more information, call Cortney Kaszuba at 356-3600.

The First National Bank of Ipswich has set up a fund for the Collum family. The mailing address is Jenny Wile, 31 Market St., Ipswich, MA 01938. For more information, call Wile at 356-3700.

Ipswich Bank has set up the Collum Family Memorial Fund. The address is 23 Market St., Ipswich, MA 01938. For more information, call Mike Allard at 356-7777.

The Knights of Columbus is collecting clothing, household goods, and other necessities. People can drop off items at the Carrolton Club 498, at 9 Topsfield Road on the corner of Lafayette Road. The Knights' clubhouse is on the second floor of Club 498. For more information, call 356-9782. The VFW has also placed donation cans in various spots around town.

TRUDGING DOWN THE TRAIL



Jackie Perry walks down a snow-filled Donald R. Marquis Minuteman Trail to her job in Cambridge. Walking has become an adventure on the trail and sidewalks after recent snowstorms.

STAFF PHOTO BY LISA CASSIDY

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

• Attention older girls (Grades 6-12) and Arlington leaders. We are in the process of planning an overnight at Hampshire Hills in Milford, New Hampshire on Saturday, March 31.

Hampshire Hills is a Sports and Fitness Club with indoor and outdoor tennis courts, basketball courts, outdoor beach volleyball courts, racquetball, extensive wooded fitness trails, outdoor skating rink, 35' climbing wall, batting cage, aerobic and spinning studios, walking track gymnasium and much more.

Hampshire Hills overnights are called Lock Ins, they are fully supervised overnights filled with games and organized activities throughout the night. Late night Pizza is served and sun rise breakfast. Additional activities such as sumo wrestling, Velcro wall, moon walk, character artist, comedian, magician and more for an additional fee.

It will cost \$30 (non-refundable) per person. We are also hoping to have a bus so the cost may increase by \$5. If you are interested, please call me at 646-5928 or email me at fitz@mit.edu.

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Week of Feb. 12

Monday

Baked chicken, rice, stir fry vegetables.

Tuesday

Roast turkey dinner.

Wednesday

Jumbo taco boat, rice, corn, pineapple.

Thursday

Pizza bagel, tossed salad.

Friday

Chicken fajita roll up sandwich, pretzels, fruit snack.

Sandwiches, salad, pizza, pasta, stir fry

veggies, grill and daily specials also offered daily. Fruit, vegetable, bread and milk served with all meals.

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Monday

Toasted cheese sandwich, sun chips, juice bar; chicken nuggets, dipping sauce, rice, peas; stuffed crust pizza, puffs, pears.

Tuesday

Waffles, potato puffs, yogurt, juice; chicken burger, lettuce, tomato, seasoned potatoes, juice bar; chef's salad, pita bread, juice bar.

Wednesday

Popcorn chicken, dipping sauce, rice, celery sticks; hot dog, potato puffs, veggie sticks; macaroni and cheese, bread stick, tossed salad.

Thursday

Personal pan pizza, salad, juice; chicken nuggets, rice, veggie sticks; fresh fruit salad, cheese, yogurt, oatmeal bread.

Friday

Rotini with meat sauce, scalloped bread, pineapple, calzone, rice, veggie sticks with dip; tuna salad roll, seasoned potato, pineapple.

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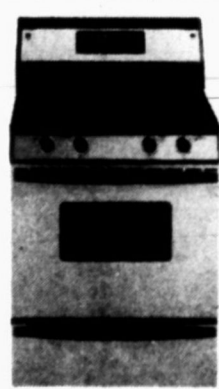
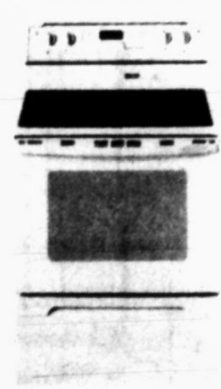
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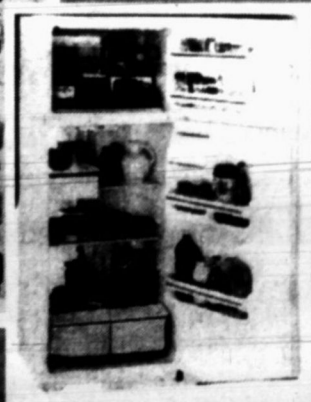
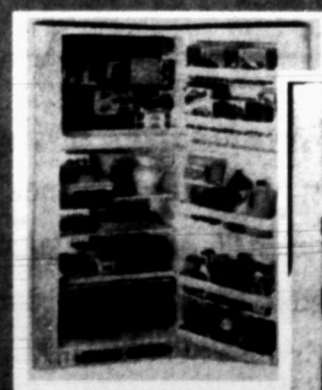
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SCHOOL NOTES

After-school MCAS help

Arlington public schools are offering voluntary, free after-school MCAS preparation programs.

The programs began Feb. 7 in the elementary and middle schools for English language arts.

Each school is the host for its own program. Parents should have received letters from the principals confirming their child's placement in the program in that school.

The high school English/language arts and math program begin in March, as do elementary and middle-school math programs.

Each after-school session will be about 75 minutes long. Teachers and the principal in each school determine the exact starting and ending time for each after-school session.

As of Jan. 26, 260 students and 24 teachers in grades three through eight had signed up.

These opportunities are for students who may need help responding to MCAS questions. These sessions are not comprehensive MCAS reviews. This year's MCAS tests are spread out over grades 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. Last year, tests were given in grades 4 and 8 only.

Students are expected to attend both sessions, Wednesday and Thursday, during the eight weeks.

Exercise at 'Brain Gym'

Parent Education Forums, 2000-2001, continue in February with "Brain Gym: A Readiness Program for Whole-Brain Learning," for parents grades K-12 Thursday, Feb. 8, Bishop School, 7 to 9 p.m.

Join in this interactive presentation on the Brain Gym Program, which teaches integrative movements that facilitate effective

communication between brain and body. These simple exercises can reduce stress, increase creativity and empower the learner in all of us. The presenter is Bonnie Hershey of the Kinesiology Connection, Lexington. The show date is Thursday, Feb. 15.

The next forum is set for Wednesday, Feb. 28. It's called "Parenting the Adolescent," and is for parents students in grades six through 12, at the Arlington High School cafeteria, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The speaker will be Susan Getman. Workshop details to be announced.

These programs are sponsored and funded by the Arlington public schools' health education, family & consumer science departments, Title I, guidance and counseling services, the Robbins Library Russell Fund, the Board of Youth Services, the Parent Involvement Project, school PTOs and The Human Rights Commission.

A full list of the forums is online at <http://www.town.arlington.ma.us/kforums.htm>.

Stratton dance

Calling all current and former Stratton School parents! The Stratton PTO invites you to celebrate Valentine's Day at the Country Sweetheart Dance and BBQ on Saturday evening, Feb. 10, at Town Hall.

Get together with old and new friends for an old-fashioned good time. Come with your honey and/or organize a table for eight to 10 people.

The award-winning Robin Right Band will provide the entertainment while you chow down on barbecue from Redbones. There will be a cash bar, lots of raffles, a class-basket auction, prizes

and surprises.

All proceeds from this fund-raising event will support Stratton's education and enrichment programs.

Tickets are \$35 per person and are on sale now. Adults only.

For tickets or more information, call Laura Morrisette (646-0337).

Upcoming at Stratton:

- Feb. 13, Tribal Rhythms enrichment program, 9 a.m. in the auditorium.

- Feb. 13, kindergarten registration, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

- Feb. 27, School Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the teachers' conference room.

Dallin breakfast

The annual Dallin pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8 to 11 a.m.

If you would like to register and pay in advance as well as volunteer to help, please return your registration and volunteer slips to the manila folder in the white PTO bin in the main office.

Questions? Call Anna Robbertz (646-3177).

Dallin science night

The Dallin Family Science Night is scheduled for March 7.

All parents and students are invited to this evening activity at Dallin. Parents and students will explore together the types of science activities that the students do every day at the school.

The Dallin Math and Science Enrichment Committee is running the event. If you have questions or want to help, contact Tom Briner at 648-9032.

- Thanks to Johnnie's Foodmaster for donating the ice cream for the Scooper Bowl Sundae parties. Thanks also to the parents who provided all the "toppings." The Student Council supplied the bowls, spoons, napkins and cups.

The parties were a success.

Upcoming at Dallin:

- Mrs. McGah will provide an overview of your children's Math experience during the PTO meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m.

- The Girl Scouts' community-service project will end Friday, Feb. 9. Continue to send in toiletry items and small toys for children in shelters and foster homes. The box is under the stairwell near Room 3A.

- Daddy/daughter dance, Friday, Feb. 9, Gibbs Gym (Tufts Street entrance), 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at \$4 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Arlington Recreation or at the Gibbs the night of the dance.

- Winter concert, Thursday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m.

- The Dallin cultural enrichment committee has announced that the Arlington Arts Council has approved funding for a special February program with actor/storyteller George Capaccio, who will introduce the history and life of Galileo through a performance, including Galileo's inventions and the time he lived in. The 45-minute performance will take place for grades 3, 4 and 5, and will be followed by three 30-minute classroom workshops with the 4th grade. In the classroom George will answer questions in character and talk about how he researched and developed the performance.

After-school Spanish

A new Spanish program for students in grades three through five, taught by Senorita Siobhan Foley, Brackett/Hardy's Spanish teacher, is being held Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Students in this semester's program have fun learning Spanish while doing arts-and-crafts projects related to Latin America.

The program, which costs \$125, began Feb. 1.

Questions? Call Rose Udics (646-9143) or e-mail her at udigom@rcn.com.

Upcoming at Brackett

- Marijke Taylor, who has a son in Mrs. Robinson's class, and a daughter in Mrs. Costello's class, is participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer this year. This is a 60-mile walk from Leominster to Boston and takes place over three days. Marijke has to raise at least \$1,900, but hopes to raise more. The net proceeds from the event will support non-profit breast health programs. To make a tax-deductible donation, send a check, made payable to "Avon Breast Cancer 3 day," and mail it to her at 119 Mount Vernon St., by Friday, Feb. 9.

Upcoming at Ottoson

- Feb. 8, math evening for parents, 7 to 9.

- Feb. 9, Activity Day (all students participate in a chosen activity).

- Feb. 13, 8th grade to AHS: 800 Cluster and 1/2 of the 810 cluster.

- Feb. 13, School Council, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

- Feb. 13, OPAC meeting, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

- Feb. 14, 8th grade to AHS: 820s and other 1/2 of 810s.

Hardy needs help

Both Hardy at Brackett and Hardy at Stratton are looking for caring adults to supervise children as they eat lunch and have a short recess. You may select your day or days, Monday through Friday from 10:45 to 12:40. Call Linda Garrity (316-3782) for salary information.

Hardy also needs a bus monitor on the red route for the morning and afternoon as well as a monitor on the blue route for the afternoon. Call 316-3782.

Two parent volunteers are needed for the Stratton playground on Monday mornings

from 7:45 to 8:05 as well as a volunteer for a short period after school at Brackett.

Peirce fund-raiser

Have a splendid February vacation as Bob E. Thomas brings his Quest of Tyrone Troll to Arlington in a benefit for the Peirce School PTO enrichment committee.

The PTO will sponsor two shows with Thomas Tuesday, Feb. 20 — one from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and a second show from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Both shows will be presented at the Calvary Church at 300 Mass. Ave. in East Arlington. The show date for the show is Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Tickets for the show will be sold at the door for \$5, but tickets may be purchased in advance for \$4 each by calling 646-8514 or 646-2230. Remember, last year's fund-raiser sold out.

Thomas is a well-known dancer and storyteller with a knack for connecting with children. In Quest of Tyrone Troll, Thomas combines dance and pantomime to present a high-energy original story that promises lots of action and audience participation.

Night to honor Friedman

Friends of physical education teacher Harvey Friedman are invited to attend an appreciation night in his honor held in the Peirce gym Thursday, Feb. 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Friedman taught at Peirce for more than two decades before his transfer to Bishop School this year.

Peirce students will present Friedman with a memory book chronicling his time at the school. Information: 316-3737.

Peirce students show spirit

Peirce School prides itself on community activism, and in February, students are really exhibiting Peirce pride. During an "I Love You" story hour held Feb. 1, students in grades K to 3 gathered after school to make Valentine cards for veterans at the Bedford VA Hospital.

Students will continue to make cards for this project throughout the coming week, and fifth-grade teacher Kim Kerr and some of her students will deliver the cards to the hospital next week.

Students are also participating again in an annual "Daffodil Days" program sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Throughout the coming week, Peirce students and their families will place orders for daffodils, which will be delivered in March. Peirce families typically raise several hundred dollars for this cause each year.

Book club to meet

A children's literature book club for (K-5) parents and teachers is scheduled to continue from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the Peirce School Library.

Participants are reading Caldecott, Newbery, classic, best sellers and multicultural selections.

Appropriate selections and discussion questions will be provided for the primary (K-2) and intermediate levels (3-5).

Other sessions will be held March 7, Fox Library; April 5,

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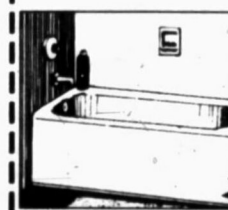


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Dallin students ring in New Year

Students and faculty wore red to mark the Chinese New Year and help usher in the Year of the Snake at Dallin School on Jan. 23. Children filled the school's gymnasium and lined the halls while a Chinese New Year lion wound its way through the school amid the beat of a Chinese drum and the clamor of cymbals and a gong.

Long thought to chase away evil spirits and bring good fortune in the coming year, a lion dance is an important part of Chinese New Year festivities. Thanks to a lot of hard work, now Dallin has its very own lion to watch over the school and all its students.

The lion is the result of a project conceived by parent Renee Lubowich and supported by parents Chuan Dao, Quang Trieu and Karen Coleman, first grade teacher Lauren Jastremski, and many others. The lion was created by first and second graders who spent the last two months working diligently after school to make their Chinese New Year lion a reality.

Prior to the parade, all the K-2 classes gathered together for an eye-opening ceremony, a ritual that takes place every time a new lion is created and before it can be called into action. Red paint was dabbed onto the lion's eyes to give it life. Then a red ribbon was tied onto the lion's horn as a symbol of courage and honor, and as a reminder that the lion will only use its strength to do good.

"We, as a community, celebrate our diversity," said Jastremski. "We hope that everyone who looks at this lion will see it not only as a symbol of the Lunar New Year, but also as a symbol of who we are as a people."



Parent Chuan Dao beats a drum to welcome the Chinese Lion dragon, worn by Dallin first grade teacher Lauren Jastremski into the new year during a Chinese New Year celebration Jan. 23.

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Stratton School Auditorium; and May 3, Robbins Library. The aim is to read and enjoy some of the best children's literature.

If you want to be part of the book club, but didn't attend the opening session, sign up by calling the Robbins Children's Library at (781) 316-3234.

Co-sponsored by Title I, the Robbins Library Russell Fund, the Arlington Public Schools' Library-Media Department and Partners in Education.

At Thompson

• Volunteers needed: The Thompson Times, the school newsletter, needs a volunteer to help get it up and running again this year. There is so much going on at Thompson School for students and parents to read about, a volunteer is really needed to lend a hand. Interested? Call the PTO (648-2723).

• Thompson library also needs volunteers to help shelve books. Call 316-3774.

• Thompson science club has begun again and needs adult volunteers (no science background necessary) to help each Friday afternoon. Interested? Call School Linked Services (316-3774).

SCHOOL NOTES

Townwide event planned

Please consider participation in a townwide event, "Arms Around Arlington," a day of support and connection to be held on April 7 at Town Hall, from 11 to 3.

The day will include speakers, a panel discussion and resource tables. More details to come.

For further information or to help, contact Mary Lewis Sheehan at (781) 641-3700.

Boys, Girls Club seeks award nominees

The board of directors of the Arlington Boys & Girls Club is seeking nominations for awards, which will be presented at the annual meeting, Tuesday, May 1. Presentations will be made for the George P. Faulkner Annual Citizens Award for outstanding service to youth and the Youth Service Award.

The Faulkner award for youth is named after the club's longtime former executive director who devoted more than 30 years in service to youth. The committee developed the youth award to honor a young volunteer.

The board seeks assistance in selecting candidates who have voluntarily improved the quality

of life for the youth in town.

Deadline for nominations will be April 2. Call 648-1617 for an application.

School delays, closing

The first place to look for school cancellations or delayed openings is the top of the first page of the town Web site, Arlington Online, at <http://www.town.arlington.ma.us/>.

Superintendent Kay Donovan calls Webmaster Bob Sprague before calling Boston area media with any delay or closing, and he posts it, likely before 6 a.m. If the town public schools are not closed or delayed, the Web site will have no message.

School news, events

Tell the public the news about your public school by telling Bob Sprague, communication specialist for Arlington public schools. E-mail school-related items to bsprague1@rcn.com or call 641-4490 by 10:30 a.m. any Monday for publication in The Advocate the following Thursday. He also posts school information on the town's Web site and lists upcoming school events at the site's online calendar.

Providence College student receives scholarship from Citizens Bank

Courtney Martin, a resident of Arlington, and sophomore at Providence College, has been named one of five recipients of a Citizens Bank scholarship, in recognition of her academic achievements and demonstrated commitment to public and community service. Students were recognized during the Third Annual Citizens Bank-Providence College Veritas Forum, held recently in Providence, RI.

Martin, a public and community service major, is an active member of the Pastoral Service Organization and Urban Action programs at Providence College. She volunteers at Amos House, Smith Hill Center and Joslin Community Center while being a Dean's List student.

The Veritas Forum is one outcome of a five-year partnership between Citizens Financial Group, Inc. and Providence College that recognizes humanitarian-

ism and celebrates commitment to public and community service. The goal of the forum is to heighten awareness of national and international social justice issues, and to recognize with the Good Citizens Medal unsung heroes from New England who have demonstrated exceptional selflessness and dedication to improving their communities.

Keynote speaker for the event was Rory Kennedy, an acclaimed indepen-

dent documentary film maker. The recipient of this year's Good Citizens Medal was Sister Catherine McGreevy, RSM, founder and director of The Family Outreach Center in Providence. The Center is dedicated to strengthening at-risk low-income and refugee families by preserving family values, keeping the family together and promoting systemic change within the family through education, child care and outreach initiatives.

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Latest Friends of the Drama play is visit to a foreign land

BY ANNE-MARIE SMOLSKI
STAFF WRITER

Arlington Friends of the Drama are not afraid to present rarely-performed plays. Last season, they did so with "Ben Franklin in Paris," very successfully, and this season they are presenting "The Visit," a German play by Friedrich Drennatt in English translation.

The show opened last weekend and continues this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"The Visit" is a tragi-comedy about the meaning of justice and responsibility. Set in a European town that used to be an industrial center and a place where the arts had flourished, its residents are now the victims of an economic blight. The only pleasure they have left, says one, is watching the trains go by, most of which don't brake anymore when passing through.

The citizenry gets word, however, that the wealthy Claire Zachanassian, a former resident, will be visiting, and they hope that she'll be their gravy train.

Expelled from the town in disgrace as a pregnant teenager, she is back 45 years later to get revenge.

In exchange for a billion marks — 500,000 for the town and 500,000 to be divided among each family, she wants "to buy justice." Claire wants the life of Anton Schill, her former teen-aged lover and father of her deceased baby daughter, because he denied paternity with the help of two false witnesses all those years ago. He chose instead to abandon his child's mother and marry the daughter of a shop-keeper for status and security.

Will the townspeople go along with the bargain? That is the question in the morality play.

Denis Fitzpatrick ably plays a pathetic Anton Schill. He gets nervous when he notices things like new shoes and other indulgences being bought on credit by his neighbors. Although they've vowed that they could never accept Madam's condition of killing Schill in exchange for her financial help, they seem to be weakening. And by the end of the play they're convincing themselves that they're sanctioning the killing for justice's sake.

Grace Butler does a great job conveying Claire's sense of humor and robot-like character, and moves very convincingly as a woman with an artificial leg. And

it was good to see John Tierney again, this time playing a priest. He's a versatile actor who previously performed in AFD's "Ben Franklin in Paris" and the Belmont Dramatic Club's "Love Letters." Ron Brinn as the mayor is very good, and the actors are excellent when performing together in two choruses toward the end of the play, particularly Nancy Hurlbut.

Costuming is a big part of this production. Designer Linda Burt has the townspeople in somber gray-toned clothes at the beginning of the play, and as they become more optimistic about their future their clothes change and even brighten up. So it seems does the hair and makeup. Lighting, particularly when used to indicate the arrival of the train, is very effective, thanks to designer Bruce Pennypacker.

The 15-minute intermission comes quickly, after which the play seems to drag a bit. It's easy to get distracted from time to time, which is a problem because it's also easy to get lost if one doesn't pick up some of the nuances in a play that has been translated.

Producer Dorothy Santos introduced "The Visit" and made a nice



PHOTO BY BRIAN DIESCHER

The townspeople have their hands out for wealthy Claire Zachanassian's money. But will they sacrifice a life to turn their bad luck around? Shown here are Grace Butler (Claire Zachanassian), center; Stephen Radochla (man) to her left; and Nancy Hurlbut (Mrs. Schill) and Evelyn Corsini (mayor's wife) to her right. Front row: Andrew Lindberg (man) and Nancy Gust (teacher). Back row: Katherine Profis (Ottile); Denis Fitzpatrick (Mr. Schill); Pat Price (Bobby); Blanche Bienvenu (painter).

offer. For \$30 theater lovers can buy the subscription for the remaining two shows of the season: "The Will Rogers Follies" and "Prelude to a Kiss." To make it even more attractive, she offered to give credit for the \$13 ticket

price of "The Visit," making the final cost of the subscription just \$17. With Sandra Bailey Kendall directing the music in "The Will Rogers Follies" and the popularity of "Prelude to a Kiss," that's a good deal.

"The Visit" continues Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. at Arlington Friends of the Drama, 22 Academy St., Arlington. Tickets are \$13. For tickets and information call (781) 646-5922.

Cummings produces music for the soul

Leukemia survivor performs songs of healing at Unicorn Books Sunday

BY DAVE SANTINO
CORRESPONDENT

Stephen Cummings is a unique Arlington resident. As a musician, he composes music for theater, dance, and children. As a teacher, he is an adjunct professor at Lesley University. Combine those two skills with the fact that Cummings has beaten a deadly disease, and you have his "Spirit Song Gatherings."

On Sunday, Feb. 11, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., 25-30 people will gather with Cummings at Unicorn Books, on 1210 Mass. Ave., and explore ways to heal using sound and song. All are welcome.

Cummings said people, at the event, will "experience the power of singing together" and will also "discover how sound, music and song can heal the body, calm the mind, and renew the spirit."

The purpose of the gathering is "to both explore my process and material with others and to lead them in sound and song." In addition to Cummings' own chants and music, the gathering will use gospel music, folk music, world music traditions, and contemporary sound healing practices.

Cummings has used these methods in a previous battle of his own — against leukemia. When he was diagnosed in October 1997, he "used a number of complimentary and alternative

approaches to healing, and one of them was sound. My explorations led me to create chants and music."

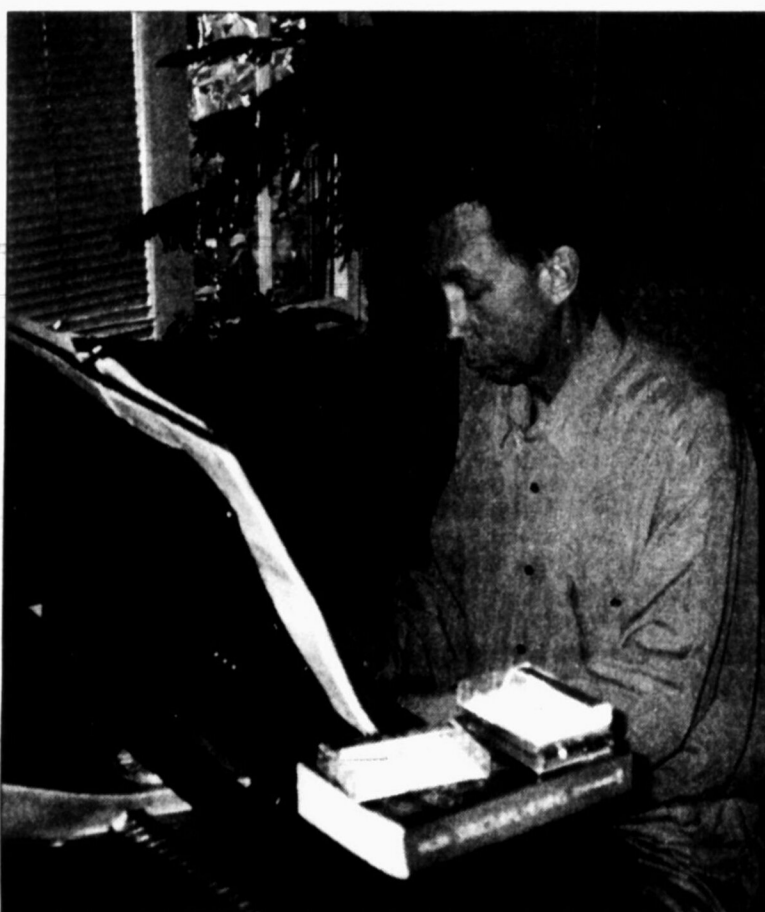
In May 1999, when Cummings was about to undergo his second bone marrow transplant, he and his wife had the idea of inviting a group of friends and family over to their house "to sing and sound together to help me heal and prepare for the transplant." This meeting of Cummings' friends and family was actually his first Spirit Song Gathering.

"From that, I had the idea of doing the same thing for the larger public," said Cummings.

Cummings said he likes "how excited people get about song and sound and how they get transformed individually, and I like building the community through song and sound."

Also before his second transplant, Cummings recorded a CD containing many of these chants and music, which he distributed to several friends and family members. He said the reason he created this CD was because "if I didn't survive, I wanted it to be a legacy."

He is now in the process of making a commercial version of the CD, "Welcome Everybody: Songs, Chants, Music and Prayers for Healing and Celebration." Cummings said the commercial version will be geared toward "people recovering from serious illnesses, health care pro-



Stephen Cummings at the piano. Cummings will perform music, which he believes helped fight off leukemia, Sunday, Feb. 11 at Unicorn Books.

fessionals, as well as the general public...

"I'd like it to be a resource to help people use sound and song to help in their healing and in their lives."

Cummings noted that medication and treatment are necessary to cure a disease, but his methods are "another piece" in the healing process. "If you start to make sound to try to heal yourself, you feel like you are an active participant in your healing."

Being a leukemia survivor has impacted Cummings' life.

"All serious illnesses make you appreciate life more. You appreciate every day, every moment, and every breath. It has also

shown me a different role that I can play as a musician in society."

When asked what he likes most about music, Cummings said, "I hear it all the time and feel its rhythms in my body. It's part of me. It's in me. I was born with it. I like to listen to the world, the wind, the rain, and the sounds of people talking. I enjoy making music both by myself as a composer and with others as a teacher and song leader."

Cummings will lead another Spirit Song Gathering, at Unicorn Books, on April 29 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, and to register, call Unicorn Books at 646-3680.

Piano festival in the works

The first annual Arlington Piano Festival will take place this coming May. All Arlington Piano Students and/or students of Arlington Piano Teachers are welcome to participate in this premiere annual recital.

This event will be similar to the piano recitals held many years ago by the Arlington Piano Teachers Association. A membership of about 10 piano teachers whose students performed in public piano recitals. We now have renewed enthusiasm with recent interest shown by many of our towns' piano students and teachers.

Neighboring communities have piano recitals for their piano students, but this will be different in that it is for Arlington and will expand the performance opportunity to include advanced students of all ages and levels.

There will be many categories such as elementary intermediate and advanced. Also considered will be the adults in our community and their desire to perform in public recitals.

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The Writers & Poets series features readings by new and published authors and poets. Volunteers are needed to post fliers and signs and staff the information table at the events. Contact: Lynette Aznavourian.

Hearts of the Arts Festival

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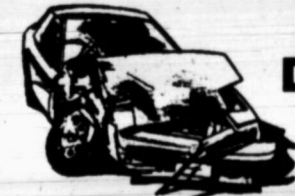
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Development plans at Mugar site started 50 years ago

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The article first written by The Advocate included this:

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Though she wasn't in the forefront of this battle 50 years ago, Fiore has led the charge in recent battles to prevent the development of the Mugar parcel, including this year's warrant article she drafted to propose a building moratorium in town (see story, Page 1).

"I was pregnant at the time and working, so when I got home at 6:30 I didn't know everything that was going on."

But other neighbors did, and The Advocate reported in February that the proponents met a "storm of opposition," at the Planning Board's public hearing on the matter.

A three-hour debate ensued that Tuesday night. An informal poll was taken at the meeting to quantify the opposition: 18 for, 67 against.

Keefe, representing the owners,

estimated the project's cost at \$2.5 million. He said the property taxes rendered by the development would help the town's coffers.

Those among the crowd included Fr. Joseph Fitzgibbons, pastor of St. Jerome's Church, who warned that "business brings only filth and immorality."

At the time, William McCarthy of Dorothy Road concurred, saying, "I would rather see the kind of rats that are down there now (the parcel is in a wetland area) than the kind that this thing will bring in later."

But survey results provided by Channing Realtors indicated that of 195 interviews taken within the Lake Street area, 73.9 percent were in favor of the development.

As March wore on, the East Arlington Civic Association convened at the Hardy School. They voted 92 to 1 to oppose the Park and Shop. Quoted at that meeting was Mrs. Joseph Fiore, who said at the time that the center would not attract high-profile businesses, but "two-bit," stores instead.

But town-wide, the developers had the numbers, and Town Meeting approved the necessary zoning changes by a roll call vote of 153 to 57. A two-thirds majority vote is required for all rezoning warrant articles.

Massachusetts Attorney General Francis Kelly signed the change into law in May.

Hamlen, however indicated that the development would take time, due to a combination of factors that included lack of building materials (it was the middle of the

Oversight means another ConCom vote on Mugar

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

One vote leads to another.

Though three members of the Conservation Commission voted down an environmental engineer's recommendation for a floodplain level on the Mugar property, a procedural snafu means that the entire board may rehear the evidence and take a full vote in two weeks.

Rizzo Associates, who filed the Notice of Intent to build on behalf of the owners (listed as Y & M Trust, but commonly known as developer David Mugar) has tentatively agreed to reopen the hearing at the commission's next meeting on Feb. 15.

"All sitting members are eligible to vote at that point," said Cori Beckwith, the Conservation Commission agent.

That is if Rizzo Associates chooses to resubmit the information. David Albrecht, principal for Rizzo Associates, said he hasn't made that decision yet.

Only three members were presumed eligible to vote at last Thursday's meeting. In order to vote, members must have

attended all the public hearings. Those have been numerous, and include dates in September, October, and November of 2000, and January of this year.

The three voting members included Beckwith, Timothy Sullivan and David White. But White and the commission later figured out by looking at the minutes that White did not attend the first meeting, a slip-up both White and the commission forgot about.

The Mugar parcel, the 17-acre piece of wetlands along Route 2 in East Arlington, that has borne the discussion of development for half a century know, has been recently eyed for an office development consisting of two buildings of more than 150,000 feet.

Since the 1950s, any proposed development has met with stiff opposition. In 1999, Town Meeting voted to maintain the land as open space.

Small Numbers, Big Stakes

The talk at this Conservation Commission last week revolved around decimals, but the implications, relatively speaking, could be spoken in tons — of

water, that is.

Albrecht was looking for the commission to accept a 100-year floodplain elevation of 8.0 feet in presenting this number, Albrecht wrote to the board in a Jan. 5 letter that, according to their own survey data, the floodplain at one point rested as low as 6.8 feet.

"(But) we never had any intention of using (6.8 feet)," said Albrecht.

The 8.0 number is based upon a survey by the Federal Emergency Management Association, which last examined the property in 1982.

"The rationale in the standard design is based on FEMA," Albrecht said. "There was no proof that it was any higher."

What all these numbers mean is the higher the accepted number, "a greater portion of the site would be under water," he added.

Not literally under water, but in terms of building, 8.0 or 6.8 or 8.2 or whatever number you use represents how big a portion of the land would be under water given the biggest storm that happens once every hundred years.

"(The height of the water) adds up quickly on a flat site," Beckwith said.

The commission did choose to accept the boundaries of the project as proposed by Albrecht.

As for the next step, Beckwith said, "They have multiple options. They can go to the state to get a different answer through the Department of Environmental Protection through an appeal. In addition, the applicants could file... their notice of intent, and they could change their decision (on the floodplain level) or make it the same, and could have the decision wholly accepted or rejected."

That is of course assuming that the full commission votes to reject Albrecht's recommendation.

Beckwith said once the town accepts or rejects a full Notice of Intent, the applicant then appeals to court if he or she is not satisfied.

The overall rulings on the Notice of Intent could take, "easily longer than what we just went through. It could be very lengthy I don't know if a year is a reasonable estimate, but I don't see why not."

Korean War) and obtaining financing.

It took a great bit longer than most people expected. After the

last story written in The Advocate in May of 1951, no article was written for the rest of 1951 into 1952. "We didn't hear about it

again for years," said Fiore. "They had put up a sign saying, 'Future Site of Star Market.' That stayed on the (Concord) Turnpike for 10

years."

It was about that time when the next round would commence in 1963.

Activist seeks building moratorium

■ BUILDING, FROM PAGE 1

Massachusetts Chapter, who also owns Design Solutions Inc. in Arlington said, "Well, I have read the article and what I'm most concerned with is that it's just going to limit the amount of additions or expansion projects in the town of Arlington."

Delano said he will "strongly advocate" against the article at the Board of Selectmen's meeting Monday. He added that builders are organization a meeting from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the Knights of Columbus.

"We will be inviting local officials and NARI officials and local contractors and vendors. It is not going to be a free-for-all, knock 'em out, drag 'em out fight," he said, adding that proponents will also be invited.

Nevertheless, Fiore said she based her article upon similar legislation in Belmont, where a one-year moratorium was passed on development in the Alewife General Residence District. O'Neill Properties then withdrew plans to build an office complex in the area known as the Belmont Uplands. That town is contemplating extending the building ban another six months.

In addition to the building moratorium article, Fiore developed three other warrant articles, asking the town to:

- acquire the Mugar parcel by purchase or eminent domain,
- change the zoning on the Mugar parcel back to residential,
- create an "open space" zoning designation that would include parks, playgrounds, wetlands and other undeveloped types of parcels.

Maher is mostly concerned with a subsection of the proposed amendment to the zoning by-law that exempts single and two-family homes from the moratorium. In one section, Maher said, the law exempts those types of buildings, but a later condition says any alteration cannot result in an increase in total floor space.

Fiore's article separates the town into two zones: the district abutting the Mugar parcel in East Arlington and the rest of the town. "This issue is important. People are really concerned about the development in the Center, the one on Mill Street and Summer Street, the one on Brattle Street (residential developments underway). We're turning stores into condos. So it's time to say we've done enough. This thing was intended to deal with large scale development."

Rumors have swirled that local builders may file litigation to determine if the article has validity in Land Court. Maher said builders have been calling about

the issue, but wouldn't confirm potential litigation by local builders.

The article, if passed, would take effect retroactive to Feb. 15, the date the legal notice will appear in *The Advocate*.

That leaves the town with two choices, Maher said. Either the Building Inspector may refuse to approve permits because the town would be obligated to file a lawsuit. That would subject the town to "100 pieces or more of litigation."

Or, Maher said, "They can issue building permits to continue at your own risk."

The selectmen and the building inspector, however, have discretion in choosing to bring forward those lawsuits.

"That was never our intention," said warrant article supporter George Laite. "Don't deny permits to people whose livelihood depends upon this sort of contracting."

Laite has a builder's license, though he's not in the business. "The prohibition on building permits on residential was an error. It was done quickly, and sometimes that's the way things are done."

Maher said he will ask that the building moratorium rest at the top of the warrant, "so we know right away what the implications are."

Important dates for March election

Thursday, Feb. 8 — Last day to obtain blank nomination papers.

Monday, Feb. 12 — Last day to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.

Monday, Feb. 26 — Last day to file nomination papers with Town Clerk.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Last day to file withdrawals of and/or objections to all nomination papers.

Monday, March 12 — Last day to register voters for town election.

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If you have a copy of the Arlington High School Yearbook for the year 1990, 1982, 1977, 1969, 1961, 1942, 1925, 1924, 1921 or earlier, Robbins Library would like to borrow your copy for a major microfilming project.

The library has received a Preserving Library and Archival Materials Grant of \$7,000 from Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The library received a \$1,000 LSTA grant last year to fund the preservation survey.

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EDITORIAL

NEWS ITEM: R.J. REYNOLDS REVIVES COLLECTABLE CARDS...

Aggression should not be tolerated

How did we go from an abrupt — but short-lived — exchange of words on the playing field to full-fledged assault and battery after the whistle has blown?

When many of us were kids on the Little League field or playing youth football, a sharp word tossed at an opposing player or a perfunctory shove on the shoulder pads after the ball was downed would have drawn a serious rebuke by the coach on the sidelines. After that we would, most likely, have been benched the rest of the game. Aggression was encouraged as part of the sport, but abusive language and assaults after the play was over would almost always result in a penalty, a "good talking to" and a serious guilty conscience.

Last week, an Arlington High School basketball player allegedly kicked a Medford player in the head, while he was down. Neither referee saw the incident, but the Medford player had to leave the game and was treated at Winchester Hospital for a possible concussion.

After Medford police reviewed videotape from the game and talked with witnesses, the cops filed an assault and battery complaint against the Arlington player, Noah Winkeller, 17, who has since been suspended from the team and was suspended for five days.

The Arlington incident comes on the heels of reported assaults by parents on youth hockey coaches, assaults by parents on players from the other team and the extensive coverage of the death of a man at a Reading skating rink, allegedly after he was beaten by another parent angry about how young skaters were monitored during hockey scrimmage.

Do we blame the examples set by trash-talking super stars in the NBA? Is it the egomaniacal antics of professional football players after they prance across the goal line? Should we point to the violent buffoonery of televised wrestling, aimed clearly at the adolescent brain? We could find scapegoats to explain away what appears to be a growing tendency to act out frustration and exert power over others in the sporting venue. But scapegoats don't address the here and now, which in every case involves an individual act of violence by one person against another.

The adults who have lashed out at coaches, players and others are facing criminal charges; the same will hold true Winkeller. In every case there are great opportunities to teach lessons, not necessarily to the aggressors, but to the young players who remain and the community at large. The Arlington player, who also happens to be an honor student, will likely come out of this period having learned a huge and very painful lesson. We hope the lesson sticks and he can mature and grow into an athlete who understands sportsmanship and decency, on and off the court.

The rest of us should demand that our schools deal with this type of violent incident openly and as a teaching tool. We're not talking "Gladiator," or a tag-team smackdown here; we're talking about competition and sportsmanship, some good old-fashioned ideas that still hold value.

Advocate seeks feedback on stories, letters

Do you have an opinion about a story you read? Do you disagree or agree with an editorial or another letter writer? Are you pleased or displeased about something?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, let your voice be heard and write a letter to the editor.

To be published, letters must include a signature and either a daytime phone number, home phone number, or both. We will not print the information — only your name and title (where applicable). We will not print anonymous letters.

Letters should be limited to 400 words. We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity, or to run a sampling of opinion when multiple letters are submitted on the same topic.

Letters must be dropped off at the drop box — at White Hen Pantry, 94 Summer St. — by noon Monday or delivered by 5 p.m. Monday to the office at 9 Meriam St., Lexington 02420. If e-mailed, letters should be sent to The Advocate by 5 p.m. Monday.

Readers can also fax their letters to 674-7735 or e-mail them to arlington@cnc.com by 5 p.m. Monday.



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A new commitment to *your* local news

I can't tell you what a thrill it is to be working for you.

You read that correctly. I said it's a thrill to be working for *you*, the readers of CNC's publications.

Technically, I am employed by Community Newspaper Company, which last week was acquired by Herald Media Inc., publisher of the Boston Herald, where I had worked as a business and State House reporter, city editor, Sunday editor and managing editor for Sunday and features for most of the last 19 years.

I began my career in community journalism; I believe very strongly in it. And I think that my job as editor in chief of CNC is to work first and foremost for you, the reader. And I'll tell you something more: every one of CNC's 1,100 employees feels the same way.

We are all absolutely committed to making your paper essential reading, bulging with the kind of community news and opinion you can't get anywhere else.

How are we going to accomplish this? By dedicating ourselves to making all of our papers relentlessly local and proudly parochial. We want to make your CNC paper the number-one source of local news in your community.

Since Herald Media began the process of acquiring CNC last year, there's been a lot of talk about what the sale would mean for CNC's papers. Would readers suddenly find their pages stuffed with Herald stories and editorials? Would we attempt to export the Herald's feisty personality to CNC's papers? Would CNC's editorial pages take a conservative turn?

Let's face it if the sun didn't shine some of Arlington's sidewalks would never be clear.



KEVIN CONVEY

The truth is that while there are areas in which sharing content can help make both the Herald and CNC's papers more comprehensive — areas such as arts, lifestyles and sports, to begin with — the idea is not to bloat CNC's papers with foreign content and boilerplate in an effort to fill pages on the cheap.

I think the Herald is a great newspaper — and, if you will permit me a short commercial, I urge you to read it if you don't already — and I believe its hard-won reputation as the premier source of local news in greater Boston dovetails nicely with the mission of CNC's papers and staffs. Nevertheless, I do not intend to try to export its personality or editorial policies to CNC's papers.

Quite the opposite, actually. The idea from now on — I'll say it again — is to make your paper relentlessly local and proudly parochial. That means you will see less, not more, of the regional and statewide reporting you may have found in your paper in the past. It means you will see less, not more, of the non-local, editorials and columns you may have found in your paper before.

But make no mistake about it: The goal here is not less, but more. I'm asking the staffs of our papers to work harder and smarter to put more local content in your paper.

To accomplish that, I've asked that: Staffs write shorter stories and more of them, to make sure you get a broad range of local news;

Every paper carry community basics such as police and fire logs, local meeting agendas, school lunch menus, obituaries and more to ensure you get the local information you want from your local paper;

Editors write at least one editorial on a local subject each week, and recruit, from their own staffs if necessary, local op-ed writers and columnists in order to create lively, local editorial pages;

Each paper dedicate more space to the kind

We hope that by taking all of these steps we can encourage you to take ownership of your local paper — to read it, get involved with it, argue with it, talk about it and help improve it.

of bread-and-butter local news only community papers can provide, in part by recruiting community-based correspondents who know your town intimately;

Editors and reporters assume journalistic ownership of their papers. I feel strongly that the staffers putting out your paper know more about you and your community than I do. Therefore I intend to give them the authority to decide what should go into your paper, and how it should be presented, rather than trying to issue orders about stories and editorials. It will be up to them to create papers that not only reflect their communities, but also are a part of them.

We hope that by taking all of these steps we can encourage you to take ownership of your local paper — to read it, get involved with it, argue with it, talk about it and help improve it.

CNC may own and operate these papers, but in reality they belong to their communities and to you.

As for me, I plan to talk with as many of you as I possibly can, ask you how we can make your papers more essential and useful, listen carefully to what you have to say and try to put your suggestions into action.

That's my job. After all, I'm working for you.

Kevin R. Convey is the new editor-in-chief of Community Newspaper Company.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enforce laws

Title III Public and Private Ways — Sections 24; 25; and 26 — page 59 Town of Arlington By Laws as of April 1999.

How come these snow removal laws are not enforced? Ten and twenty dollar fine per day are the required penalty for the scofflaws who will shovel their drive ways but not their side walks. There are also many businesses and some town properties in the same sorry state. Having the town buy side walk plows is not the answer. The collected fines would help toward the town's \$2.1 deficit.

Let's face it if the sun didn't shine some of Arlington's sidewalks would never be clear.

Peter Harrington

Stop Finneran

Three cheers to Arlington state representatives Jim Marzilli and Anne Paulsen for standing up for principles, even though in so doing they risked sanctions from power-hungry House Speaker Thomas Finneran. Representatives Marzilli and Paulsen voted against ending the term limit for the house speaker and also against the anti-democratic House rules changes that Speaker Thomas Finneran proposed.

Continuing to make mischief, Finneran is now masterminding an effort to gut the Cam-

paign Finance Reform initiative. This measure was approved by a two-to-one margin by the voters in 1998 and was scheduled to go into effect soon. It would open up competition in state political races by providing partial public financing for candidates who agree to adhere to fundraising and campaign-spending limits specified in the measure.

The self-serving effort of Representative Finneran and his legislative allies to thwart the will of the people must not succeed. Let Speaker Finneran know your thoughts on the crucial issue of campaign finance reform in any of the following ways:

1. Mail a letter: State House, Room 356, Boston, MA 02133
2. Telephone: (617) 722-2500
3. Fax: (617) 722-2008

Ron Feldman

Listen to voters

In 1998, one million Massachusetts voters approved the Clean Elections Law. The law, which passed with 66 percent of the vote, will significantly reduce the role of big money in politics and give citizens a more powerful voice in our democracy.

The law is scheduled to go into effect this March. Unfortunately, the legislature is contemplating changes in the law which would undermine its intent. As a member of Citi-

zens for Participation in Political Action, I urge Senate President Birmingham and Senator Havern to stand by the voters and reject any damaging changes to the Clean Elections Law.

Rachal Aronson

Thank you

Many thanks to the Arlington EMTs, paramedics and firemen who responded to our 911 call for help.

I appreciate the professional work and reassuring manner in which you treated me on the evening of Christmas Day. I am grateful for the emergency services in Arlington. I am also feeling fine as well. Thank you.

Joan Pirrello Kemp

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